

Serving The Bread of Life in

PERU



A boy prays for God's help in Pisco, south of Lima, Peru.

Believers share the Gospel in earthquake-stricken Peru

*Story by Christmas Magdalene Beeler
Photos courtesy of CC Apple Valley*



Hundreds died in Pisco where most of the town was leveled by an August quake.

When Calvary Chapel Apple Valley, CA, scheduled their mission trip to Peru earlier this year, they could not have foreseen that a magnitude-8 earthquake would hit a few days before their arrival, escalating the need for ministry and opening doors to share Christ's love and hope.

The team visited several villages in and around Lima, Peru, working with believers from CC Bible College, Lima, and CC Lima. Dozens of people responded to receive the Gospel, and hundreds more received food or encouragement in Christ's name.

"Almost everybody we met wanted us to pray for them, that God would help them," said Terri Lockwood of CC Apple Valley, CA. "It



In Pachacutec, CC believers performed Gospel skits before distributing 400 meals.

was amazing what God did—the doors He opened." When the August 15 earthquake struck Peru's coast—with an epicenter 95 miles south of Lima—it killed at least 500 people, injured more than 1,800 others, and destroyed more than 22,000 homes.

In Canete, where many lives were lost, the bus pulled up, and almost the entire village poured into the town basketball stadium, seating themselves and waiting expectantly to hear from the visitors. "They were so hungry for the Word," Terri said. Many responded to the Gospel message.

In Pisco, where a church collapse during Mass killed hundreds of people, villagers gathered eagerly for an impromptu church service in the square. After worship and a Gospel message, more than 15 responded to accept Christ.

In the village of Pachacutec, CCBC student Raul Cervera has been sharing God's Word. The team helped spread the Gospel to the families and served more than 400 plates of food in the poverty-stricken village. Team leaders discovered they had enough money left over to help Raul buy the land to build a church. "We knew the Lord would provide for us to buy that land; we just didn't know when or how," she said. "We are hoping to go back next August to build the church."

When team members fed large crowds, Terri recalled, "We were amazed at God's faithfulness: every time we served food, we should have run out. We were literally praying for 'fishes and loaves' while we were serving. And we always had enough." ☺



Katy, right, led two young women to Christ in Pisco.

CC Lima, Peru
<http://ccbcperu.calvarychapel.com>
ccbc_peru@yahoo.com
011-51-1-460-9112